



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

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November 29, 2011

Bill Auby
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

Re: Section 17 and Section 19 Uranium Mines

Dear Mr. Auby:

Enclosed are two (2) Superfund Site Strategy Recommendations (SSSRs) drafted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 for Section 17 and Section 19 uranium mines. The SSSRs summarize information and data compiled for each of the mine sites.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the EPA Region 6 and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico State Office regarding certain uranium mine properties, specifically Attachment B, the EPA and the BLM are to coordinate exercise of the agencies' respective CERCLA authorities. In this instance, the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has requested that at this time no further action be taken by either the EPA or the BLM at the Section 17 or Section 19 mine sites. NMED is pursuing investigation and remediation pursuant to their authorities under the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Marie Price".

Lisa Marie Price
Grants Mining District Coordinator
EPA Region 6

Enclosure

cc: Dana Bahr, NMED
John Pfeil, NMEMNRD



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